Scrutiny Review of Jersey's Overseas Aid

A look at JOAC 2006 booklet

3. Policies

3.2 (i) It is committed to **joining with others** in reducing poverty in poorer countries by making a **sustained** contribution, which is proportional to Jersey's means.

Comment: This is talking about the total aid budget year on year, I presume.

- iii) a) working closely with the private and voluntary sector.
- c) encouraging and supporting recognised local bodies engaged in overseas aid

Comment: How is this done?

7. Material grants to Jersey Charities working overseas.

7.2 Only one material grant in each year, up to £20,000. Further funding has to be for a different village / community.

Comment: How is this one-off grant making a sustained contribution

8. £ for £ grants to Jersey Charities working overseas.

- 8.1 A maximum is set at £3500.
- 8.2 Different projects affecting different communities are needed for further grants
- 8.5 The Commission is seeking to improve communications with local fund raising branches of those agencies whose work is in the field of overseas aid.
- 8.6 Repeats 8.2.

Comment: OGRA covers 25,000 people. Is that one community or several? You can't deliver development in one grant.

Is it possible to see who has been awarded grants over the years. Would it be worthwhile to have a subcommittee to decide on awards made under items 7 and 8.

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